



# Montessori by the Sea



CAYMAN ISLANDS  
GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY INSPECTION REPORT | MARCH 2019



## Excellent

exceptionally high quality of performance or practice.



## Good

the expected level for every school in The Cayman Islands, both public and private.



## Satisfactory

the minimum level of quality required for The Cayman Islands. All key aspects of performance and practice in every school should meet or exceed this level.



## Weak

quality not yet at the level acceptable for schools in The Cayman Islands. Schools will be expected to take urgent measures to improve the quality of any aspect of their performance or practice that is judged at this level.

# ABOUT OUR INSPECTIONS



The inspection framework is organised around judgments using a four-point scale. The four levels on the scale are defined below.

## ABOUT MONTESSORI BY THE SEA

**Address:** 277 Prospect Point Rd, P.O.Box 11747

**Contact Number:** 345-947-0684

**Name the Head Teacher:** Ms. Thompson and Ms. Jackson

**Number of children on roll:** 153

**Number of teaching staff:** 22

**Number of support staff:** 8

**Age range of students:** 21 months - 12 years

**Date of last inspection:** 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February 2010

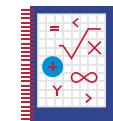
**Date of this inspection:** 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Number of stakeholder survey responses received from parents:** 101

**Staff:** 27

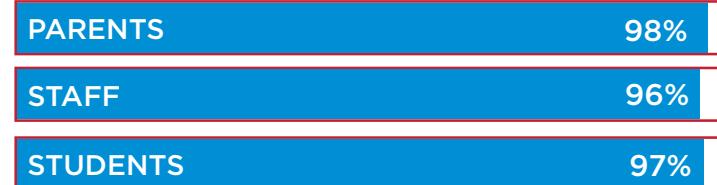
**Student:** 32

# INSPECTION JUDGEMENTS



**“ Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of education provided at this centre ”**

(strongly agree/ agree):



## Students' attainment in relation to international standards:

| English    |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊         |
| Casa       | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊         |

| Mathematics |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Toddlers    | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Casa        | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Elementary  | GOOD 😊         |

| Science    |        |
|------------|--------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊 |
| Casa       | GOOD 😊 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊 |

## Offering a curriculum that meets the educational needs:

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊 |
| Casa       | GOOD 😊 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊 |

## Students progress in key subjects:

| English    |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊         |
| Casa       | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊         |

| Mathematics |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Toddlers    | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Casa        | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
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| Science    |        |
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| Elementary | GOOD 😊 |

## Ensuring effective teaching to support students' learning:

| Teaching   |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊         |
| Casa       | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊         |

| Learning   |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊         |
| Casa       | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊         |

| Assessment |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Toddlers   | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Casa       | SATISFACTORY 😃 |
| Elementary | SATISFACTORY 😃 |

## Keeping our students safe and always supported:

| Health and safety |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Toddlers          | GOOD 😊 |
| Casa              | GOOD 😊 |
| Elementary        | GOOD 😊 |

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊 |
| Casa       | GOOD 😊 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊 |

## Support and guidance

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Toddlers   | GOOD 😊 |
| Casa       | GOOD 😊 |
| Elementary | GOOD 😊 |

## Leading and managing the school and developing links with the community

### Leadership



GOOD

### Self-evaluation and improvement planning



GOOD

### Links with parents and the community



EXCELLENT

### Staff and the learning environment



GOOD

## OVERALL



GOOD

# KEY STRENGTHS OF MONTESSORI BY THE SEA

Inspectors identified the following strengths in the school:

- Students' behaviour for learning was excellent; they were friendly, articulate and polite. Relationships were excellent between students and adults and amongst the students;
- The curriculum gave students an interesting and wide range of topics that related well to real life and Caymanian culture;
- The individual support and encouragement given to every student including those with special educational needs enabled them to achieve well;
- Leaders have successfully embedded the Montessori philosophy to create an inclusive ethos and develop students who were passionate about environmental, global and social issues and had access to excellent resources for learning;
- Links with parents and the community were excellent. Parents could speak readily to teachers and they received good information about how well their children were doing.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MONTESSORI BY THE SEA

- Raise students' attainment in English and mathematics by benchmarking against international standards;
- Improve assessment by devising strategies to help students know precisely what would make each piece of work successful and to challenge them to achieve more;
- Improve teaching and learning by:
  - developing a robust monitoring system that informs leaders of where teaching needs improving;
  - improving teaching and learning in the Casa phase.



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As the school is judged to be providing a good quality of education, there will be no further inspections until the next cycle commences in September 2020.

To read the full Inspection Report for Montessori by the Sea  
VISIT: [www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12780554.PDF](http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12780554.PDF)

